THE ARRAIGNMENT

Of *Iohn van Olden Barneuelt* late, Aduocate of HOLLAND and WEST-FREISLAND.

Containing the Articles alleadged against him, and the reasons of his execution, being performed vpon the 13. of May *Anno* 1619. *Stilo Nouo*,

In the inner Court of the *Grauen Hage* in HOLLAND.

TOGETHER WITH A LETTER written by the *Generall States*, vnto the particular *Vnited Prouinces*, concerning the foresaid action.

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THE PRIVILEDGE.

THE States generall of the vnited NETHERLANDS, haue giuen and granted licence vnto *Hillebrant Jacobſon*, ſworne Printer to them, and to the States of *Holland* in particular, and by theſe preſents giue and grant licence, that he onely for the ſpace of two yeares, next enſuing the date hereof, ſhall print and deliuer out in Dutch, the ſentence and iudgement giuen & pronounced by the Iudges, by them therevnto appointed, vpon and againſt *Iohn van Olden Barnevelt*, ſometime Aduocate or Counſellor of *Holland* and *Weſt-Freſeland*, and executed on his perſon, vpon the 13 of May 1619. *Stilo novo*, in the inner Court of the Hage, forbidding

and prohibiting all other Printers, and ſubiects of theſe Prouinces, to print, or cauſe the aforeſaid Sentence within the time aforeſaid of two yeares to bee printed or giuen out in Dutch, vpon paine of forfeiture of ſuch Bookes, and further of the ſumme of 300 *Carollus Guldens*: the one third part thereof to the behooſe of him that ſhall be the officer to execute the Commiſsion: an other third part, to the vſe of the poore, and the laſt third part to the vſe & benefit of the aforeſaid *Hillebrant Jacobſon*, giuen in the Aſſembly of the ſaid Generall States in *Grauen-Hage*, the 14 of May 1619. I. V. Dorth. vt.

By order from the generall States.

C. AERSEN.

THE COPIE OF A LETTER, written by the generall States, vnto the particular vnited Prouinces in the Netherlands.

WE ſend your Honors herewith, a copie of the ſentence, which the Iudges thereunto appointed, pronounced againſt the priſoners (long deliberated vpon by vs) which on the 13 of this preſent moneth, was publiſhed, and execution done vpon the perſon of Iohn van Olden Barnevelt, *late Counſellor or Aduocate of* Holland *and* VVeſt-Freſeland : *The ſaid Iudges withall ſent vs certaine ouertures, of diuers other points, that were made knowne vnto them, and are not mentioned in the aforeſaid ſentence, which according to the informations, & conſequences therof, gaue great ſuſpition that he had intelligence with the enemy, and wholy bended his actions thereunto, ſeeking neuertheleſſe not to giue nor miniſter*

miniſter any offence to the other ſide, but to the contrary made ſhew to fauour the ſame; but for that the ſubſtance of the confeſsions made vpon thoſe points, were ſuch, that no definitiue ſentence could haue bin giuen vpon them, without further inquiſition, and ſharper examination, which by the ſaid Iudges, was not thought conuenient, in reſpect of his great age, and other conſiderations, concerning the ſeruice of the Land, as alſo for that the deciſion of them & other matters, could no longer be delayed, and that the articles in the ſaid ſentence contained, are ſufficient to condemne him; we haue omitted them, and thought it good and neceſſarie hereby to certifie you thereof, beſeeching God to haue your Honors & vs in his holy keeping: from the Hage the 19. *of May* 1619. *vnderwritten*

Iohn van Dorth vt.

and a litle lower,

By the order of the States,
C. AERSEN.

THE IVDGMENT GIVEN AND PRONOVNCED vpon *Iohn van Olden Barneuelt*, late Aduocate of HOLLAND and WEST-FRESELAND, together with his execution performed vpon the 13 of May 1619. *Stylo novo.*

IOhn van Olden Barnevelt ſometime Aduocate or Counſellor of the Prouinces of Holland and Weſt-Freeſland, and at this preſent committed to priſon, Commiſſioners being by the generall States ordained and appointed to examine him, and to make

report thereof vnto the Iudges by the ſaid generall States ordained to ſit vpon the ſame, without racke or any torment confeſſed,(as to the ſaid Iudges alſo it manifeſtly appeared)

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That notwithſtanding, it is not lawfull for any man, to breake or violate the vnitie, and fundamentall lawes, whereupon the gouernment of the vnited Netherlands is grounded, and whereby the ſaid Countries (by Gods ſpeciall bleſſing, notwithſtanding all the forces, practiſes and deuices of their enemies and euill-willers) hath bin hitherto preſerued and defended: he the ſaid priſoner had taken vpon him, to trouble the ſtate of the Religion, and thereby to bring the Church of God into great trouble and extremitie. To that end had maintained and put in practiſe, moſt exorbitant and pernicious maximes againſt the ſtate of the Land, and among them, with great boldnes, of himſelfe and by his complices inſerted, that

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some of the Prouinces of the said vnited Netherlands, had power & authoritie of themselues, to order and dispose of religion at their wills and pleasures, and that the rest of the Prouinces had nothing to doe therewith.

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That without commission or authoritie, he had in his owne house made certaine protestations in the name of the Prouinces of Holland, Vtrecht, and Oueriſſell, whereby they togither, by manner of complot (against all order vsed in the assemblies of the generall States) protested, that the Deputies of the Prouinces which were appointed for the furthering of the Nationall Synode, would be the authors and causers of great troubles and inconueniences.

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That he contemning the good and wholsome counsels of diuers Princes, Lords, and

noble Perſonages both in and without the land, as much as in him lay, had ſought to withſtand and hinder the remedies procured for the ceaſing of controuerſie in Religion.

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That to further and maintaine his deſignes aforeſaid, he had abuſed certaine of the mightieſt Potentates with vnſeemely and ſiniſter practiſes, and to that end by his owne authoritie inſtructed, and cauſed to be inſtructed, the Ambaſſadors for the States with vntrue propoſitions.

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That he alſo had taken vpon him to write to the States Ambaſſador reſident in Great Britannie, that if any thing ſhould be written by the ſaid King concerning the ſtate of Religion, that it ſhould be ſent to the States of Holland; and that he ſhould procure the ſtaying thereof, vntill he had ſent the copie

vnto

vnto him to consider of it, and to stay his answer thereupon, before he sent the same, and that the letters should be directed vnto him, that he might deliuer them, for the good and seruice of the land (assuming to himselfe all the authoritie and gouernment thereof.)

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That he tooke vpon him, in the name of the States of *Holland* and *West-Friesland*, to write to the King of *France*, that those States Generall that proclaimed a nationall Synod, vsurped the names of the Generall States, wishing his Maiestie not to send any of his subiects vnto the said Synod, but rather to aid and assist those of *Holland* against the factions of the States.

7.

That by indirect meanes he had sought for and procured letters from the King of *England*, which he himselfe had first drawne

and corrected, and then ſent them ouer to the Ambaſſador, tending to the furthering of his owne deſignes, which he himſelfe deliuered to the generall States, but made them not acquainted in what manner he had procured them, writing to the ſaid Ambaſſador, that he ſhould not by any means make the Ambaſſadors at that time in *England* for the generall States, acquainted therewith.

8.

That for the better furtherance of his deſignes and pretences, by the ſaid Ambaſſadors meanes he ſought to procure the like letters againe from the King of *England*, which when he could not get, he did not ſticke to preſume to tax the ſaid King, with being the cauſe of the troubles that were then riſen in the vnited Prouinces.

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That, to procure the more and greater trouble in religion, hee had placed and brought

brought into the Churches diuers hereticall Diuines and Teachers, and in the mannageing of the State had put in ſuch men, as he thought to be fit inſtruments for the effecting and furtherance of his faction.

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That he likewiſe had brought to paſſe, that his ſaid creatures and inſtruments at diuers and ſeuerall times, and ſundry places, contrary to all good order of gouernment, had holden diuers conuenticles and ſecret aſſemblies, where, by him and his complices it was determined how they might proceed in their bad pretence: and to the end the ſame might be authorized vnder the names of the States of Holland and Weſt-Freiſland, he had ſo plotted, that by multitude of voices (contrary to the will and deſire of ſome of the chiefeſt members of Holland) they might reſolue vpon that which they deſired and intended: and yet he himſelfe confeſſeth, that ſuch priuate aſſemblies are not to be permitted in a well-gouerned Commonwealth.

11. That

That he did not ſeeke to hinder the rigorous commiſſions in ſome places ſent forth againſt the true profeſſors of religion, whereby they were vpon ſtrict penalties forbidden the exerciſe of the true religion, making them hatefull in all places both within and without the Land, by the names of ſtrangers, and Puritans, who there Flanderiſing, cauſed the ſubiects to contend with their Gouernors. Notwithſtanding that all the vnited Prouinces together, by many and ſundry treaties, agreements, and reſolutions, (whereof he himſelfe, as one of the States, had beene the author and inuentor) had promiſed and bound themſelues one vnto another, with body, life, and goods, to maintaine, preſerue and vphold, the reformed euangelicall religion, receiued and preached in euery place of thoſe Countries, without any alteration thereof whatſoeuer. And that for confirmation thereof, in *Anno* 1588. the oathes of all the Gouer-

nors,

nors, Generals, Captaines, and ſouldiers, in one point ſpecially mentioned the ſame, which was that they ſhould ſweare to bee true and faithfull to the generall States, who by the vnitie and faithfull combination of promiſe, ſhould vphold and maintaine the true reformed religion : and that in all the treaties and compoſitions made with ſuch townes as they either won, or that yeelded themſelues to them, one ſpeciall Article was, that they ſhould yeeld to the preaching of the aforeſaid religion, which by all their adherents and allies had beene receiued, allowed of, and accepted.

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That he eſteeming all this not to be ſufficient to effect his bad and erroneous deſignes, ſought by the meanes of his complices and adherents, to perturbe and trouble the politique State, deuiſing to inuent and finde the meanes to reduce and bring the gouernment thereof into diſorder and confuſion, by meanes thereof the better to ef-

fect his miſchieuous pretence againſt the ſecuritie and proſperitie of the ſame.

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That to the ſame end, and for a foundation of his faction, vnder diuers ſpeciall pretences, hee had kindled the fire of diſſention, and procured all manner of diſtruſts betweene the Prouinces, and making himſelfe head of the faction, had cauſed the Deputies of eight townes in Holland to hold diuers ſecret aſſemblies, vpon certaine points by them agreed vpon, to preuent the reſt of the townes, (and ſo by pluralitie of voices, hauing formerly complotted together) in the aſſemblie of the States of Holland, to bring them in, and to make ſuch reſolutions thereupon as they had formerly determined. In which priuate aſſemblies, the Deputies of the ſaid eight townes, among other things, firſt complotted and agreed vpon diuers points, (which at ſeuerall times were by them debated) and concluded to bring to effect.

14 That

That he himſelfe had therein inſerted the ſharpe and ſeuere reſolution made the 18. of Auguſt 1617. and againſt the wills and conſents of diuers chiefe members of the ſaid aſſemblie, cauſed the ſame to be ratified and confirmed. By which reſolution, the prohibitions of ordinary Iuſtice made againſt their pretences, were declared and pronounced to be void and of none effect : and the Magiſtrates of the townes, warranted, not to obey the ſame ; and ſuch as were thereunto incited and conſenting, authoriſed and allowed, of their owne authorities, for their defences, to raiſe new companies of ſouldiers, and to giue them another oath (contrarie to their oath of allegeance made to the States Generall) by the which alſo all Officers, Iuſtices, and thoſe that were by oath bound vnto the particular Prouinces of Holland and Weſt-Freiſland, were ſworne to maintaine and further the ſaid reſolution: And further ordained, that all Generals, Captaines and ſouldiers of the ordinary

companies, ſhould earneſtly be charged and commanded, vpon paine of loſing of their places, to be obedient to the States, their pay-maſters, and the Magiſtrates of the townes where they lay in garriſon, notwithſtanding any other prohibition or commandement made to the contrary: whereby it followed, that diuers townes in Holland (whereof ſome before that by his aduice and counſell had begunne to take vp ſouldiers) vpon the ſame reſolution (and his ſecret inſtigation that they ſhould looke vnto themſelues and their ſecurities) began to raiſe a great number of ſouldiers, giuing them a particular oath, as aforeſaid, with ſpeciall charge to be obedient only to their commandements, againſt all men whatſoeuer, and particularly againſt the generalitie, and his Excellencie, in ſuch caſes, wherein the ſaid townes (ſo ſtrengthning themſelues with new ſouldiers) ſhould iudge and vnderſtand the proceedings of the ſaid generalitie and his Excellencie to tend vnto the ouerthrow of their particular rights and priuiledges.

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That he by force of the ſaid reſolution, was a meanes to procure Commiſſioners to be ſent vnto the Brill, who (without the knowledge of his Excellencie being State-holder and Captaine generall) going thither, cauſed the ordinary garriſons therein to take their oathes in manner aforeſaid, and ſuch as would not, were threatned to bee caſhierd.

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That he, within few dayes after the ſaid reſolution was made, went to Vtrecht, and counſelled ſome of the States there likewiſe, to raiſe new companies of ſouldiers, contrary to the accuſtomed manner, and the common oath of the generalitie and his Excellencie, as Captaine generall, which they accordingly raiſed, with a particular oath as aforeſaid.

And when the Generall States, perceiuing the ſaid raiſing of ſouldiers to be contrary to order and generall cuſtome, thought it fit to aduertiſe them by letters, to ſurceaſe from the ſame, that he was the author and cauſe, that the ſaid States of Vtrecht, tooke vpon them by letters of the 5. of September 1617. to excuſe their ſaid proceeding vnto the Generall States, with vaine and idle pretences, as that they were raiſed for the diuerting of popular commotion, and yet he knew well, that the defence and preſeruation of the Prouinces, townes, and forts thereof, in generall, by the vnion is referred to the diſpoſition of the generalitie of our vnited States in generall: as alſo, that by the counſell of State holden in Vtrecht *anno* 1610. it was likewiſe ordered, that whatſoeuer belonged vnto the ſecuritie, peace and tranquilitie of the towne and territories of Vtrecht in all reſpects ſhould be referred to the ſaid States Generall. And that then a great garriſon,

belonging

belonging vnto the ſaid Generall States, lay therein, which while the Armies were in Gelders and Cleaueland, was not diminiſhed: And beſides, that by the ſaid States, it was expreſly ordered, not to diminiſh the ſaid garriſon, but rather (if it were found neceſſary) to increaſe the ſame.

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That by the conſent and knowledge of him, this inſtruction was inſerted, and the new ſouldiers were raiſed in Vtrecht, by the which, cleane contrary to the allegations and reaſons in the letter aforeſaid pretended, the ſaid new ſouldiers were bound, to ſerue both without and within the ſaid Prouince, againſt all and euery perſon, both by water and by land, onely vnder the commandement or commiſſion of the ſtates of Vtrecht, and that they ſhould not onely be ready at the commandement of the ſaid States of Vtrecht, but alſo aide and aſſiſt their good neighbours, frends, and allies.

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And as in Vtrecht newes was brought

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that his Excellencie the Prince of Orange, was to come into, and paſſe through the ſaid towne, a letter was by the ſaid States of Vtrecht (not without the ſaid priſoners knowledge, as then being in Vtrecht) ſent vnto the ſaid Prince, to deſire him, not to paſſe, nor come through that towne, with earneſt aduice to follow their counſel therein: he not many dayes before, aduertiſed the Secretarie *Ledenberch* by priuate letters, that it was fit and expedient for them, to keepe a ſtrong watch at their gates, and alſo that both from aboue and beneath the riuer of *Leck*, they ſhould be aduertiſed by the next townes, whether any ſouldiers were comming vp or downe the ſaid riuer, as alſo that the like was to be done vpon the way that entred into the towne by Amersfort gate, deſiring *Ledenberch* when he had read the letters to burne them.

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That he, by his inſtructions and counſels brought to paſſe, that by the Deputies of the aforeſaid

aforesaid eight townes, first in priuate meetings, in vnaccustomed places, and vndue times, a certaine procuration, or an act of vnion, was drawne, which afterward also, was in some of the said townes by the consent of the *Common Councell*, and in some of them without their knowledge, concluded and agreed vpon, the 14. of May 1618. whereby they authorized their Deputies, to consult, aduise and resolue with the States and Deputies of the other townes, vpon a meanes of present resistance; as also, all togither to prouide for, and to assure, all such promises of assistance, helpe, and indemnities, as they should finde to be necessarie, needfull and conuenient.

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That he caused a copie of the same act to be giuen vnto *Mons: Modesberghen* by *Hoogherbet* the pentionarie, and withall desired him to consider thereof, who thereupon presently went to Vtrecht, and procured the like act there also to be propounded, con-

tayning likewiſe an authoritie to bee giuen vnto their Deputies touching the two former points of ſtricter vnion, and certaine and preſent meanes of reſiſtance: and for that the towne, togither with ſome other of the members of the States, would not grant nor conſent thereunto, he deſired the Borghomaſter *van Pol* (then being in the Hage) by his letters to moue them thereunto, or purpoſely to goe thither about it: which to effect, the ſaid Borghomaſter went perſonally thither; but the Magiſtrate of Vtrecht perceiuing whereunto the force of the ſaid procuration or authoritie tended, would not conſent thereunto, but with an expreſſe limitation, that the Committies, ſhould not extend their authoritie to the furtherance or procuring of preſent or new extremities, or to the making of new vnitie with any ſeuerall Prouinces, townes or members thereof.

22

That when the States of Vtrecht, to eaſe them-

themſelues of the burthen and charge of maintayning the new companies of ſouldiers, and to let and withſtand the decreaſing of their treaſure and reuenues, vpon the 19. of Iune 1618. *Stilo vet:* found it conuenient to ſend a competent number of their Deputies to the Hage, togither with *Monſieur Modesberghen* and others, at the aſſembly of the Generall States, to be holden there, and with his Excellencie the Prince of Orange, as Gouernor and Captaine Generall of the Prouince of Vtrecht, to agree vpon the diſcharging of the ſaid new ſouldiers, he counſelled *Ledenbergh* (as then one of the Deputies) in his owne houſe (hauing intelligence of their ſaid commiſſion by the ſaid *Ledenbergh*) not to diſcouer the ſame vnto the Prince of Orange, but to keepe it ſecret, and to follow other aduice by him giuen vnto the ſaid *Ledenbergh*; not remembring that he himſelfe confeſſeth that he knew full well, the great charge and burthen of the Land, and the vnfitnes thereof for the maintayning of new companies of ſouldiers, eſpecially ſo great a number.

That he had intelligence giuen him, that the ſaid *Ledenbergh*, togither with the pentionarie *Hoogherbet*, and *Grotius*, in the houſe of *Iohn Vtenbogaet* did conſult vpon the reaſons, and motiues, that ſhould be obſerued with the aforeſaid Deputie of the States of Vtrecht, to diuert, and diſſwade them not to put their commiſſion in effect; as alſo, that the ſame deliberation holden, and required by *Ledenbergh*, ſhould be kept ſecret: whereupon it followed that the ſaid *Hoogerbets* and his complices, in the houſe of *Daniel Treſel* Clarke to the generall Sates, meeting together, with many very ſharpe and pernicious ſpeeches, and motions vſed by *Grotius*, diſſwaded the Deputies of Vtrecht to ſhew their authoritie; whereof alſo the ſaid priſoner was aduertiſed, and whereby alſo the ſaid Deputies were compelled to goe backe againe to Vtrecht, without ſhewing their commiſſion, notwithſtanding, that by the States of Vtrecht, they were reiteratiuely willed and required to doe it.

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That he earneſtly aduiſed the ſaid Deputies at their departure, to ſtand againſt the aſſembly of a Nationall Synode, and to vrge the continuance of their new companies of ſouldiers, as alſo, to keepe good and ſtrong watch both at their gates and in their townes, adding thereunto, that if it fell out, that at the firſt the buſineſſe were not found out, and that the ſaid new ſouldiers ſhould thereby, be longer held in pay, that then they ſhould haue cauſe togither with the intereſſed townes in Holland to enter into further communication, vpon the increaſing, and aſſuring of the number of the new ſouldiers, which they togither ſhould thinke fit for their neceſſarie aſſurance, and to finde out meanes for the maintenance of them, by reciprocall aſſiſtance among them: he alſo aduertiſed diuers Deputies of the aforeſaid eight townes thereof.

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That he alſo perſwaded the towne of

Schonehouen, beſides the ordinary and common contributions by them to be diſburſed for the neceſſarie defence of the land, and payment of the garriſons, to agree vnto the raiſing and payment of the new companies then raiſed. And alſo that he thought it conuenient, and winked thereat, that diuers townes (to the eminent danger of the land) gaue their conſents with ſtrange and vnaccuſtomed exceptions.

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That to make the ſeruice and counſell of his Excellencie in all places vnprofitable and of no force, he ſought to diſgrace and ſcandalize his ſaid Excellencie by diuers calumniations, and vtterly to diſhonour him, making men beleeue that hee ſought to haue the ſoueraigntie of the Land in his owne power, and that he had practiſed the ſame by premeditated counſell, at the very ſame time and houre, that the neceſſitie of the Common-wealth (in the higheſt degree) required his ſaid Excellencies aduice, in ſecret

aſſemblies

assemblies of certaine Deputies for the gouernment, being his confederates : with other such like imputations ; and that thereupon he also had conference with other Countries, by letters written in ciphers, and by him sent abroad.

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That he by certaine persons expresly sent out in the night time, aduertised the Magistrate of Leyden, that his Excellencie was to goe from the Hage, and that apparantly he would goe thither, that they therfore should stand vpon their guard, and aduertise other their neighbour townes thereof, that they also should looke vnto themselues. Vpon which his aduice it followed, that the watch-bell being rung, the new souldiers and shot ran to armes at midnight, and some townes in Holland by them were aduertised with all speed to looke vnto themselues as aforesaid : as also that the gates of the said towne were kept shut the next day after, vntill hee gaue them other aduice, that his Excellencie

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was gone another way; although he had no intent of harme againſt that, nor any other towne.

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That hee confeſſed, that hee was much grieued and diſcontented, when he vnderſtood that the towne of Brill, to preuent the ſending of new companies of ſouldiers thither, was guarded by the ordinary garriſon of the Generall States, therein placed by his Excellencie, and that he wrought from Vtrecht to the ordinary counſels of Holland and Weſt-Freiſland, to aduertiſe and forewarne all the townes of the ſaid Prouinces, to looke well vnto themſelues.

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That alſo to withdraw the ordinary ſouldiers from the obedience of the Generall States and of his Excellencie, he had laboured by all the meanes he could to make them to vnderſtand, that they were by oath bound

bound, before all others to obey the States of the particular Prouinces, (their pay-masters) though it were against the generall States and his Excellencie; as also that they ought and were bound expresly to resist their commandements, whensoeuer they should vndertake any thing contrary to the wills or resolutions of the States of the Prouinces, and the Magistrates of the townes wherein they should lie in garrison.

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And when the Generall States, perceiuing that they could not by any serious aduertisements or instances attaine to the discharging of the new companies of souldiers, thought it conuenient to send other committies with his Excellencie to Vtrecht, he practised and found meanes, that by very few Gentlemen, three townes, and some counsell of State, which had no commission so to doe, *Hoogerbeets*, *Grotius*, and some others were appointed Committies to goe to Vtrecht, and there in the name of the States

of Holland and West-Freesland, to profer all aide and counsell to the States and Magistrates of Vtrecht, for the staying and letting of the discharge of the new companies, giuing letters also to the commanders of the souldiers there, that were likely to be discharged, (drawne by him the said prisoner) and yet not read in the assembly then holden; whereby they were aduertised that they were bound and obliged, to be true and obedient to their pay-masters, togither with the States of the respectiue Prouinces, wherein they lay in garrison, or were otherwise imployed: and to aide and assist them in vpholding of all their resolutions, without doing or attempting any thing, or suffering to be done or attempted to the contrary.

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That he also affirmed, that the commission giuen to his Excellencie, and other their Committies of the Generall States, touching the discharging of the new Companies, if it were

were done without the consent of the States of Vtrecht, was contrary to the vnion, and would be a cause of force which might be vsed to expell force, as well as they did and were compelled to doe against the King of Spaine and his Gouernors; whereas he himselfe by his remonstrances giuen out in writing sheweth, that all violent courses are corosiue and ruinous for the state of the Land, and a right Spanish counsell, tending to the subuersion and vtter ruine of these famous Prouinces. Whereupon it followed, that the aforesaid *Hoogerbeets*, *Grotius*, and other Deputies comming to Vtrecht, to the intent aforesaid, secretly and in priuate assemblies, aduised with some of the States of Vtrecht, and the Secretary *Ledenberch*, made proposition touching present resistance, and how to moue the new companies thereunto, as also to procure the ordinary souldiers, by vertue of the letter aforesaid, not to be obedient to the commandements of his Excellencie, and the Committies for the Generall States, and to second them by the Artillerie men of the towne; to appoint places for the said new

ſouldiers to aſſemble in; to haue diuers peeces of ordinance ready, and that *Monſieur Modesberghen* and *Ledenberch* had told them, that if they could finde a meanes to keep the ſouldiers that were then in ordinarie pay of Holland, from ſtirring, that they had taken ſuch order among their new ſouldiers, that they would eaſily obtaine their wills: and that alſo the ſaid *Hoogerbeets* with his complices, the day before the diſcharging of the aforeſaid new companies of ſouldiers, had deliuered their letters to the aforeſaid ordinarie ſouldiers.

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That he had reuealed the ſecrets of the Land, and contrary to the acts of ſoueraigntie, of his owne authoritie, without the knowledge or conſent of any of the Prouinces, refuſed and denied to accept of certaine notable vnexpected alliance, which in the higheſt degree concerned the Common wealth.

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That he procured diuers Courts of Iuſtice (in the adminiſtration of their offices) by diuers wayes, and in ſeuerall matters, contrarie to the lawes, priuiledges, freedomes, and ſtatutes of the Land, to vſe vntrue dealing in the adminiſtration of iuſtice.

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And that he, contrary to his oath, and by the inſtructions of ſome forraine Princes, Lords, and others, receiued diuers great ſummes of money, and preſents, without making any that had to doe therewith acquainted therewithall. All which his proceedings, tending to the end not only to make the towne of Vtrecht a ſlaughterhouſe, but alſo to bring the ſtate of the Land, and the perſon of the Prince of *Orange* into vtter ſubuerſion, whereby, and by meanes of all other his machinations and conſpiracies, it is ſo fallen out, that States

againſt States, gouernment againſt gouern-ment, and new contracts in and againſt the vnitie, and generall perturbations in the ſtate of the Land, as well ſpirituall as tem-porall, are riſen vp, the treaſure conſumed, and the Country compelled to an expence of many millions of crownes, generall diſ-truſts and diſſentions moued and brought in among the vnited Prouinces, and the in-habitants of the Land, the vnion broken, the Country made vnfit and vnapt to de-fend it ſelfe, and brought into danger, to en-dure and ſuffer ſome ſcandalous wrong, or vtterly to be ouerthrowne and ſubuerted: which are matters of ſuch conſequence, that they are not to be ſuffered in any gouern-ment, but rather ought to be puniſhed, for an example to all others.

Therefore the Iudges aforeſaid, with deli-beration of the counſell of the States gene-rall, hauing well conſidered vpon and weighed all the articles aforeſaid, wherein they concerned, or in any wiſe might tend to the matter in queſtion; doing iuſtice, in

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the names and behalfes of the Generall States of the vnited Prouinces, haue condemned, and by theſe preſents condemne the ſaid priſoner, to be brought to the Inner Court, to the place thereunto appointed, there to haue his head ſtricken off, and all his goods, lands, and reuenues to be confiſcated. Giuen in the aſſembly of the Iudges aforeſaid in the *Grauen-Hage*, and executed the 13. of May 1619.

By order from the Iudges aforeſaid.

Signed H. POTZ.

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PROCLAMATION

made by the Generall States of the *vnited Netherland Prouinces, for the holding of a generall Faſt, and day of Praier for the good ſucceſſe of the Synode, and peace and preſeruation of the* LAND.

FOraſmuch as it is ſo fallen out, by meanes of miſunderſtanding diſagreement, & contentions within certaine yeeres hitherto happened,

ned, not only in the Church, but alſo among the Commons of theſe Countries, and likewiſe in the politique gouernment and adminiſtration of iuſtice: that ſome ambitious perſons, for the furtherance of their particular deſignes and ambitions, to the great hinderance of the reformed religion, and ſpeciall diſaduantage of the ſeruice of the Land, ſtirred vp, ſought to haue reuerſed and annihilated the true religion, and together at one time, wholly to haue ruinated and ſubuerted the ſtate of the Land, if the Nationall Synode had not beene ſummoned and called, by the aduice of moſt famous, learned, well experienced, honeſt, and godly perſons, ſtrangers, and Inhabitants

habitants of theſe Countries, to examine the differences in matters of religion, and the ſame to extinguiſh and vtterly exterminate: as alſo, if we had not reſtored and reeſtabliſhed the lawfull authoritie of gouernment and iuſtice, by lawfull proceedings againſt the contradictors and violaters thereof: And for that they haue already proceeded ſo farre in the ſaid Nationall Synode, that the hardeſt and moſt important controuerſies and queſtions, with great vnitie and one generall conſent, are already determined and decided: And likewiſe that a lawfull Iudgement and ſentence is to be pronounced by the Iudges thereunto appointed by the Generall States

of the vnited Netherland Prouinces, againſt thoſe that haue in ſuch ſort perturbed the ſtate of the Land, in ſuch manner that the affaires of theſe vnited Netherlands both in ſpirituall and temporall matters, are apparant and likely to incline vnto a peaceable and quiet end: The Generall States of the ſaid vnited Netherland Prouinces haue thought it fit and conuenient, and likewiſe haue fully determined, to proclaime a common and generall Faſt, and day of publike praier, throughout all the vnited Netherland Prouinces, Territories, and Townes thereof, to be holden vpon Wedneſday the 17. of the month of Aprill, thereby and therein to praiſe and giue

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thankes vnto the moſt mightie God for his grace and bleſsing, and with earneſt zeale and penitent hearts to pray vnto and call vpon him, that he would be pleaſed to continue his ſaid grace and bleſſing for the honour of his moſt holy name, and the planting and reſtoring of the true reformed religion, together with the preſeruation and maintenance of the iuſtice and lawfull authoritie of the ſaid vnited Netherlands, and the peace and tranquillitie of the inhabitants of the ſame, both in ſpirituall and temporall proceedings. That ſo, with a good harmonie and one conſent, God Almightie may truly be called vpon and ſerued; the ſtate of the Land ſecured;

and more and more prosper in their trade and continuall traffick; and all the counsels, machinations, and conspiracies of the enemies of this Land broken and preuented, &c.

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